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Dear Sir:

In a telephone conference with the Examiner on March 21, 2002, counsel for applicant requested a telephonic interview with the Examiner to clarify the basis for the Examiner's position in the Advisory Action mailed on March 6, 2002. The Examiner advised that due to a heavy workload he would be unable to conduct that interview until sometime during the week of March 25, 2002. Since the final due date for filing a Request for Continuing Examination in this application is March 28, 2002, the Examiner instructed counsel for applicant to file the Request for Continuing Examination, and that any further amendment or communication in this matter could be filed following the telephonic interview.

Accordingly, applicant has filed the Request for Continuing Examination concurrently herewith, and respectfully requests the Examiner to initiate a telephone interview with the below-signed counsel for applicant at his earliest convenience so that prosecution of this application can be advanced. Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for his instructions, and for his anticipated efforts in proceeding with the requested telephonic interview.

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If the Examiner has any further instructions or questions in connection with this matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate a telephone conference with the undersigned.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extensions of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 25, 2002

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